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**One miner killed, two injured in accident at Harlan
County underground mine**
Fatality is second reported in 2013 in Kentucky

FRANKFORT, Ky. – (Aug. 6, 2013) – Kentucky Office of Mine Safety and Licensing officials say one underground miner was killed today and two others injured as they were conducting retreat mining operations at a Harlan County mine. The accident was reported around noon. The miners' identities have not been released and the condition of the two injured miners is unknown.

Preliminary reports indicate the side of a coal pillar burst as the continuous miner machine was operating, causing the miners to be trapped.

The mine, located near Holmes Mill on Black Mountain, is operated by Lone Mountain Processing, a subsidiary of Arch Coal.

This is the second mining-related fatality in Kentucky in 2013. In January, a miner welding a liner to a dozer blade and was struck by the liner when a jack supporting the blade slipped.

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